

## **Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, March 10, 1845, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, March 10, 1845.

My dear Mr. Blair, Your interesting letter of the 28th ultimo is before me. And I not only rejoice, but congratulate my beloved country Texas is reannexed, and the safety, prosperity, and the greatest interest of the whole union is secured by this act, This great and important national act. The Federal Union must be preserved, and Massachusetts blue light federalist, her abolishinists, and her whole conerery 1 and whiggery combined may foam and threaten, but all will vanish like smoke and now become still as it did on the cession to us of Louisiana. 2

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2 "Cession to us of" is written over "admission of".

How loathing to the feelings of every honest american, to read the course adopted by the whiggs in the House of Representatives to defeat this important measure, and athwart the wishes of the great majority of the people of this union. But it is just such a course as I would expect unprincipled men to pursue, whose sole wicked views are to rule or ruin 0403 379 our beloved country. But thanks be paid to that wise superintending providence who does all things well—That the firmness of the democracy, put their feet upon this wicked and contemptuous attempt of the Blue light federal whigery and conery, and has gloriously performed their duty to their country. It is a glorious result, and I rejoice, that Col. Bentons Amendment succeeded in passing this resolution in the senate. This gives

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him the credit and destroys whigery from having the credit of this all important national measure. My dear Blair, you cannot conceive what pain it gave me, to see the course adopted by Col. Benton and Mr. VanBuren. Had VanBuren come out as I expected, in favour of this great national measure he would have been elected by acclamation. But the moment I saw his letter I wrote him, that the die was cast, and it was impossible to elect him as to turn the current of the Mississippi—none, who was then before the people, of the democracy could have been elected. Providence presided over the councils of the convention, Polk was selected, and elected, and I believe it a providential result, and I hope his administration will result in great good to our union, and that his course will be an independent one influenced by no clique. But impartial and independent, of which he has assured me, all things will end well, and I trust our friend Benton regain the confidence of the democracy.

Foster and Journagon, 3 with their whigg representatives in this state has destroyed themselves by voting against the joint Resolutions amended by Bentons. They all have shown the cloven foot. They run with the Hare, and opened with the Hounds. They found that M. Browns resolutions could pass the Senate, and when with Bentons amendment carried it thro' that body the whole whiggs from Tennessee Joined the opposition to defeat the measure. They will all feel the frowns of at least one half the whiggs in Tennessee. I am quite unwell to day, but my Joy was such that I could not refrain from letting you know it. My kind regards to Benton and all my democratic friends—And to all your amiable family in which, all my family cordially unite. Yr. sincere friend.

3 Spencer Jarnagin of Tennessee.

I refer you to my late letters. Let me hear from you, how all things Jog on at washington

P. S. Our kind regards to Major Lewis